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*To the Alumni of the University of Texas:*

We appeal to you to urge upon your Senators and Representatives in the coming Legislature to vote for such an appropriation for maintenance and support of the University as will permit the Board of Regents to use the available fund derived from University revenues for the erection of a separate building for the Law Department. Such a building is indispensable. Last year there were one hundred and eighty-six law students and the number is still greater this session. A considerable increase in attendance during the next few years is expected because a recently enacted statute requires higher qualifications than heretofore for admission to the bar. This law requires a more thorough and systematic training as a condition of entrance into the profession, and the Law Department of the University should be expected to give this training.

Apart, however, from the expected future increase in attendance, the quarters of the Law School are wholly inadequate and unsuited for its present needs. The rooms now used are partly underground in the basement of the east wing of the main building. The class rooms, library and offices open upon a poorly lighted hallway, which is closed at one end, and there is consequently confusion and crowding to get in and out of the rooms at class hours. There are only two lecture rooms for the three classes and neither room is large enough to seat at desks the Junior class, nor is there any practicable way of increasing the size of the rooms. The number of offices for the professors is insufficient. The library room is inadequate, as it will not accommodate comfortably more than sixty students at a time out of approximately two hundred in attendance. There is no room with a capacity sufficient to seat the law students upon any special occasion, when it would be advisable to address them as a body.

We appeal to you because we believe your interest in public education, as well as your loyalty to your *alma mater*, will cause you earnestly to co-operate in an effort to increase the efficiency of the teaching in the Law Department by affording proper facilities for the students and Faculty.

A suitable building for present and future needs with proper equip-



ment can not be had for less than \$100,000, and we feel satisfied this building can be obtained through the concerted efforts of the University alumni and of other friends of the institution and of higher education. We ask you, as one acquainted by actual experience with the needs of the University, and inspired by her noble aims, to explain fully to your Senators and Representatives the necessity for an adequate law building, and to use your every legitimate effort to have the Legislature at the coming session to make it possible to relieve this pressing necessity.

Respectfully,

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